

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 99-11-29**

Date Prepared: November 24, 1999
For Work Week Commencing: November 29, 1999
Business Meeting: November 29, 1999, 10:00 a.m.

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Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dan).

1. D99.10.243 – Energy West Montana – Request for Interim relief – Review Interim Order to approve or deny (11/30/99)
2. D99.8.176/D99.11.247 – Review Interim Draft order in D99.8.176 and new MPC Gas Tracker filing D99.11.247 – Review Interim Order in D99.8.176 regarding MPC request to Increase Natural Gas Rates and discuss new filing D99.11.247 MPC Gas Tracker and possibility of combining both cases and issuing one Interim if needed. (11/30/99)
3. N99.6.143 – House Bill 128 – Commission direction on Valley Telecommunication, Clark Fork Telecommunication, and Citizens Telecommunication (11/30/99)
4. D98.8.192 – Wholesale discounts, UNEs and Collocation for USW – Placeholder (11/30/99)
5. FCC CC 96-45 – FCC HCF Orders – Further discussion of FCC 9th and 10th orders on Universal service (11/30/99)

6. FCC wireless and USF NPRM's – Further discussion of PSC participation in FCC wireless and USF rulemaking (11/30/99)
7. N99.10.230 – USWC – Further discussion of USWC service quality reports and protective order (11/30/99)

Weekly Scheduling Meeting – Will be held at 9:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORP (N99.11.249) (Leroy)

On November 16, 1999, MCI Telecommunications Corporation filed Transmittal Letter No 99-18 proposing the textual revisions to its Montana Tariff No. 2. They are proposing to grandfather Option CC (MCI One Advantage) to become effective December 1, 1999

2. AT&T DOCKET NO. N99.11.253 (Eric)

On November 17, 1999, AT&T filed tariff transmittal 99-32 which introduced a new service, AT&T Business Network which provides customer centric integrated capabilities across AT&T Business Services. AT&T Business Network Service allows the Customer to integrate their long distance, including directory assistance, card and local usage.

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1. CenturyTel Docket No. N99.11.254 (Scott)

On November 17, 1999 CenturyTel filed tariff transmittal 99-7 which will reduce its intrastate carrier access charges by \$1,302,000 to address the impacts of House Bill 128. In addition to reducing the level of intrastate access charges, this filing also implements Local Transport Restructure (LTR). The LTR being presented is consistent with CenturyTel's current interstate access rate structure. This will expand the customer's option for ordering interoffice transport for switched access service

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 99-12-06

New Filings Received in Past Week

N99.11.254 – CenturyTel – New access tariff

D99.11.255 – City of Poplar – Request to waive master metering